

Accordingly, claims 1-6, 10-14, 18 and 22-32 are pending in the captioned application.

The Examiner has indicated that the following Groups of claims are subject to restriction and/or election for the following reasons, in relevant part:

- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a process.
- II. Claim 22, drawn to a compound.

However, due to the inadvertent error of the Examiner in not realizing the present claim pendency, applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction / Election Requirement should be outlined as follows:

- I. Claims 1-6, 10-14, 18 and 23-32, drawn to a process.
- II. Claim 22, drawn to a compound.

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Applicants provisionally elect **Group I**, drawn to claims 1-6, 10-14, 18 and 23-32, without traverse.

FURTHER COMMENTS REGARDING CO-PENDING APPLICATION USSN
10/536,891

Applicants further respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending application, also examined by the present Examiner, which was recently allowed: USSN 10/536,891. It is respectfully submitted that the underlying PCT application publication (WO 2004/52881) of the allowed '891 application was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement on August 23, 2005.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

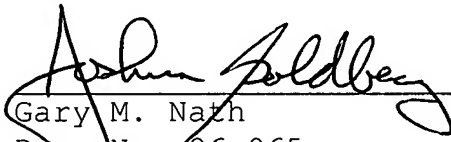
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